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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dan DeVos (Reg. No. 37,813) on 8/8/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### In the Claims:

In claim **35**, on line 3 as well as on line 5, replace the phrase "certain ones" with the word --those--.

In claim **47**, insert the limitation --wherein all network trunks coupled to the single network element are coupled to the set of line cards,-- after the limitation "a set of one or more line cards coupled to one or more network trunks,".

MLB 9/25/dl In claim **47**, on line <sup>6</sup>8, replace the phrase "each of said line cards" with --each of said set of line cards and said plurality of line cards--.

#### **Drawings**

1. Replacement drawings were received on 5/22/06. These drawings are acceptable and have been entered.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

2. Claims **13-25** and **28-67** (*renumbered 1-53, respectively*) are allowed.